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Introduced

Senate Bill 3

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NELSON, MARONEY, WOODRUM, MAYNARD, SWOPE,
AZINGER, AND SMITH

[Introduced February 10, 2021; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §55-7-32, relating to prohibiting civil actions for personal injuries or loss of life
 3 caused by coronavirus; providing definition; and prescribing application of section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. ACTIONS FOR INJURIES.

§55-7-32. Actions for injuries or death from coronavirus.

1 (a) Definition of coronavirus. – For purposes of this section, “coronavirus” means COVID-
 2 19, or severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-coV-2).

3 (b) No civil action may be maintained in this state, and no damages may be recoverable
 4 in any cause of action in this state, for personal injuries or loss of life caused by coronavirus.

5 (c) This section shall be applied both prospectively and retrospectively.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit civil actions for personal injuries or loss of life caused by coronavirus.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.